



# OCPF Reports

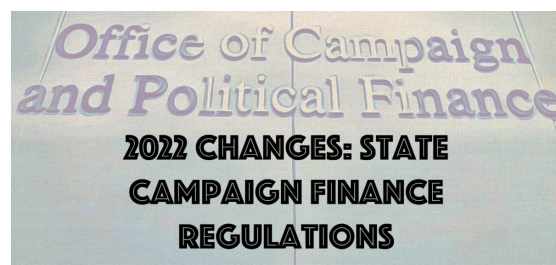
**MAY 2022**

Massachusetts Office of Campaign and Political Finance Newsletter

## Online treasurer training

The [campaign finance law](#) requires all committee treasurers who file with OCPF to periodically complete online training. **Our new training platform will launch soon.** We'll let you know by e-mail when you can start.

## New Regs, New Rules



## Town candidates: You need this form

On the local level, all candidates file the M101 form to organize committees or declare their candidacies, whether they have committees or not. The M101 form has a "candidate only" box for candidates without committees. This form is only filed once. Find the form here: [M101](#)

*Can we take Venmo contributions?  
Do we need disclaimers on social media boosts?  
Can my campaign buy furniture?*

The state's campaign finance regulations were revised in March, answering the questions above, among others. The new regulations are now in effect.

[Click here](#) for a summary of the changes, or click the image above for a short tutorial. Type "regulations" into OCPF's search engine at [www.ocpf.us](http://www.ocpf.us) for more information.

File with: City / Town Clerk or Election Commission

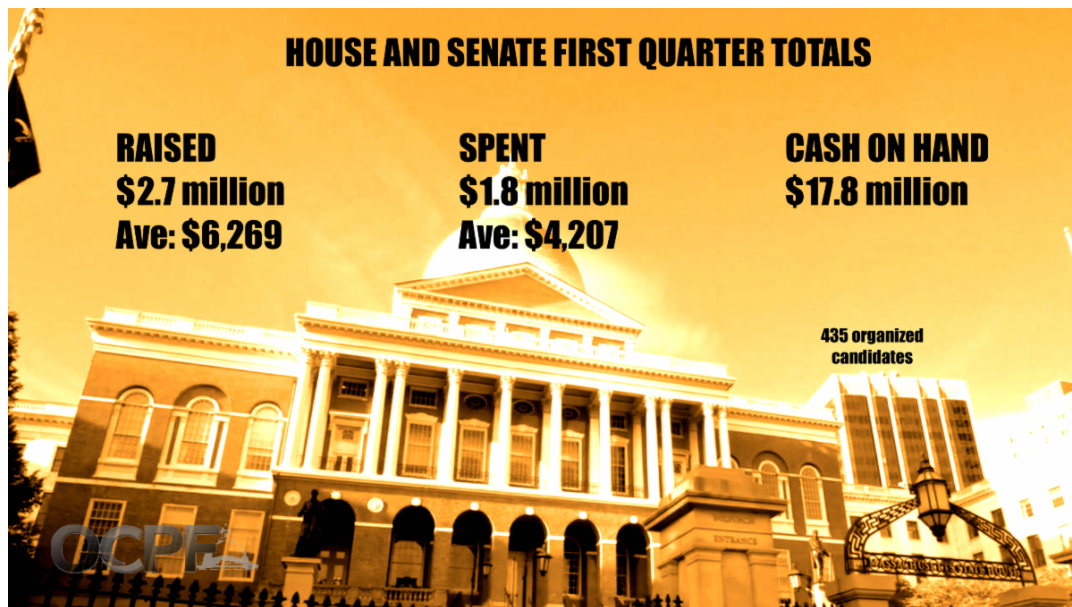
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with the provisions of G. code, chapter 55A, section 2A, that the following candidate's committee as follows:

<b>CANDIDATE:</b>	Full Name:	John Tavner
	Residential Address:	12345 Main Street
	City / State / Zip:	ANYTOWN
	E-Mail Address:	johntavnerengineering@gmail.com
	Party Affiliation:	NA
<b>OFFICE SOUGHT/PURPOSE:</b>		
Title:		Selectboard
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Candidate without committee (check if applicable). date and file with clerk or local election official.		

The finalized regulations are [here](#).

Please contact OCPF's legal team at [OCPF@cpf.state.ma.us](mailto:OCPF@cpf.state.ma.us) for additional guidance and clarification.

## #Election2022 Data



Fresh campaign finance data will be available for state and county candidates each month in 2022.

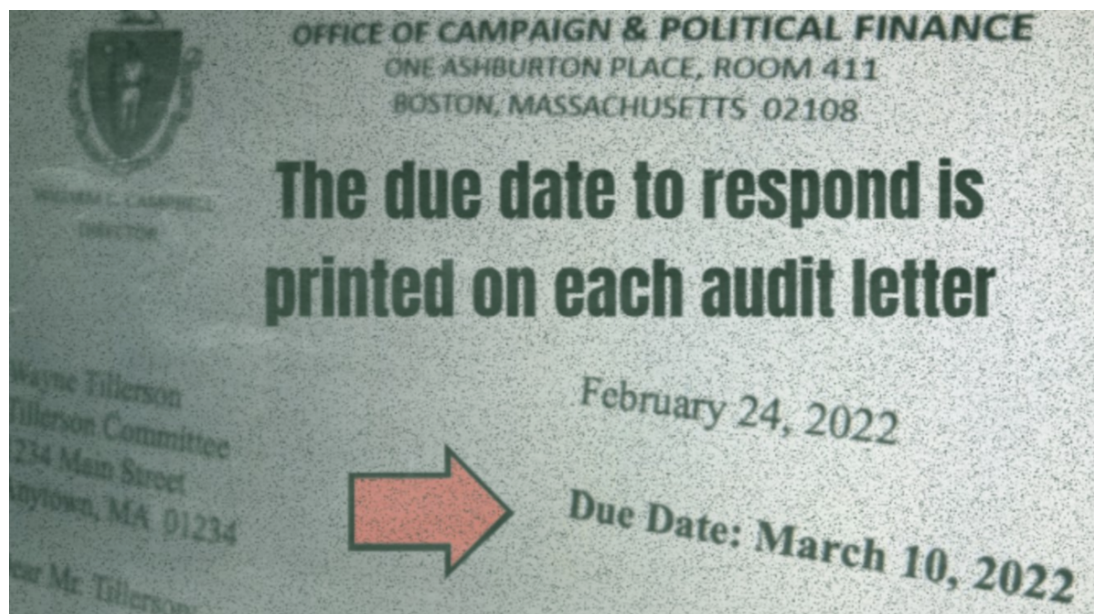
Statewide candidate activity is displayed via charts [here](#).

Legislative candidates are displayed [here](#).

County and district candidates are available [here](#).

Campaign finance reports showing total receipts, expenditures and balances are available after the 5th of each month.

## Please respond promptly to OCPF's audit questions



OCPF's audit team reviews every report filed with our agency for compliance with the campaign finance law. If the audit team asks a question about a compliance issue, please respond by the deadline that appears on the audit letter (audit letters are sent by e-mail).

# Agency Actions and Opinions

## PUBLIC RESOLUTION LETTERS

The following list is a summary of agency actions issued recently by OCPF. Click the "agency actions" button below to view the documents.

**Joel Saslaw, Peabody**, 3/11/2022: No further action (corporate in-kind contribution).  
**Leesteffy Jenkins, Cambridge**, 3/16/2022: Did not comply (independent expenditure disclosure).  
**Julia Malakie, West Newton**, 3/18/2022: No further action (joint campaign mailing).  
**Tarik Lucas, Newtonville**, 3/18/2022: No further action (joint campaign mailing).  
**Lisa Gordon, Newton**, 3/18/2022: No further action (joint campaign mailing).  
**Rena Getz, Waban**, 3/18/2022: No further action (joint campaign mailing).  
**Barry Bergman, Newton Center**, 3/18/2022: No further action (joint campaign mailing).  
**Eugene Grzywna, Framingham**, 3/18/2022: Did not comply (expenditures made outside the depository reporting system).  
**Pamela Wright, Newton**, 3/18/2022: No further action (joint campaign mailing).  
**Debra L. Waller, Newton**, 3/18/2022: No further action (joint campaign mailing).  
**Kevin R. Riffe, Newton**, 3/18/2022: No further action (joint campaign mailing).  
**John Oliver, Newton**, 3/18/2022: No further action (joint campaign mailing).  
**Emily Norton, Newton**, 3/18/2022: No further action (joint campaign mailing).  
**Glenn Odone, Northborough**, 3/21/2022: No further action (joint campaign expenditures).  
**Theresa Capobianco, Northborough**, 3/21/2022: No further action (joint campaign expenditures).  
**Aidan Kearney, Jefferson**, 3/22/2022: Did not comply (disclosure).  
**Fred Capone, Everett**, 3/31/2022: Did not comply (expenditures made outside the depository reporting system).  
**Camilla Elvis, Cambridge**, 4/15/202: No further action (public employee solicitations).

## AGENCY ACTIONS

## OCPF FAQ:

Q: Can my committee collect money using a P2P app, like Venmo or Zelle?

A: Generally, yes. The individual peer-to-peer cash app limit is \$50 per calendar year per individual. Names and residential addresses are required.

More details are available by clicking the image below. Regulation: [Click here](#).





## COMING SOON:

### NEW TECH DEVELOPMENTS

1. Local candidates, who file campaign finance reports in city or town halls, will soon be able to self-register for Reporter 7 online.
2. There's a new online treasurer training platform coming. Treasurers will need to watch a video and confirm that they watched. There is no longer a test.
3. Municipal-specific disclosure pages for each city and town.

E-mail [OCPF@cpf.state.ma.us](mailto:OCPF@cpf.state.ma.us) for more information.



### Thank you, Greg Birne

Greg Birne, OCPF's long-serving general counsel, officially retired at the end of March, capping a 29-year career. Greg started at OCPF in 1993.

OCPF promoted Sarah Hartry to general counsel in November, 2021, while Birne served five months as senior counsel, focusing on new state campaign finance regulations.

OCPF concentrates on an educational theme each month. In May, it's "Party Time."

We'll cover issues that affect state and local parties, and the candidates they assist, on our social media platforms. Type "party time" into our search engine at [www.ocpf.us](http://www.ocpf.us) for information about party and convention activity. [Click here](#) for a short overview video.

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